



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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December 7, 1994

VIA FAX THEN
U.S. MAIL

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RE: Standard Scrap Metal/Chicago International Exporting
Site, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Nasif:

Lawrence Cohen recently indicated to U.S. EPA that you advised that he may sell or otherwise transport the "copper fines" pile, currently located on the north portion of the east lot, to a location off site. As you know, U.S. EPA obtained sample results from that pile which indicate soil and/or solid waste contamination of up to 170 ppm of PCBs.

Also, as you know, U.S. EPA is currently conducting a removal action at the above referenced site. That removal action is in response to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances from the site, including PCBs.

As I previously indicated to your clients by letter dated October 27, 1994, transporting or otherwise removing PCB contaminated material from the site, including the "copper fines" pile, is inconsistent with CERCLA and is a violation of the Unilateral Administrative Order No. V-W-94-C-249, dated September 14, 1994. Therefore, please advise your clients accordingly and instruct them not to sell or otherwise transport contaminated material, including the "copper fines" pile, from the site.

Secondly, Steve Faryan, U.S. EPA's On-scene Coordinator at the above referenced site, has requested on numerous occasions that the owners/operators of the site remove uncontaminated piles of steel debris located on the north portion of the east lot of the site, so that U.S. EPA may continue its response action at the



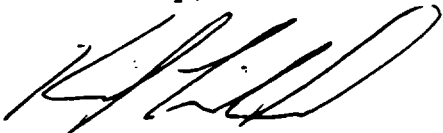
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site. To date, those piles have not been removed. If the owners/operators of the site are unwilling to cooperate with U.S. EPA with respect to removing this uncontaminated material from the site, U.S. EPA will be forced to remove that material at considerable expense.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (312) 886-6831.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Lindland', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kurt N. Lindland
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